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COMBINED AMENDMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, Applicants hereby elect with traverse to prosecute the invention of Species I comprising claim 2.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begins at page 13 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.